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For: CATALYST SYSTEM FOR
OXIDATIVE
DEHYDROGENATION OF
PARAFFINS

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Examiner: E. Wood

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RESPONSE

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This response is mailed on or before Tuesday, January 2, 2001, the first business day after a two-month period from the mailing of the final Office Action dated October 31, 2000.

REMARKS

This is submitted in response to the final Office Action mailed October 31, 2000, for the above-identified patent application. Claims 1 and 3-10 were pending prior to this response.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

The Examiner has expressly withdrawn the rejections based on U.S. Patent No. 4,219,671 to Slinkard and U.S. Patent No. 6,063,728 to Hinago.

Claims 1 and 3-10 are finally rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5, 139, 988 to Sasaki (hereafter "Sasaki").